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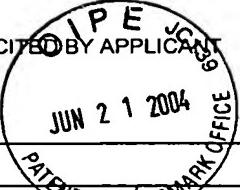
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All of the references on Form PTO-1449 are discussed in the specification. They do not teach or suggest an electronic equipment having parts which may be subjected to maintenance and are specified by a maintenance rage, comprising a setting part which is set with a predetermined maintenance rage in which the maintenance is permitted, an authenticating part to authenticate validity of a maintenance-attending person for the electronic equipment, and a changing part to temporarily change the predetermined maintenance rage set in the setting part, in response to a change instruction, when the authenticating part authenticates the validity of the maintenance-attending person.

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